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REFERENCES	<p>OSSA-12085 12 February 1963 (Not sent to Chief of Station, Germany) <i>SR12</i></p> <p>1. Forwarded herewith is a memorandum circulated by Alexander MILITS at a meeting of the Soviet Studies Group held on 14 March. At the time there was no chance to peruse it carefully, and at first glance it seemed to be merely an offer of innocent study trips such as are frequently made available here.</p> <p>2. On more careful examination the study course seems to be under rather remarkable sponsorship ("OSTKOLLEG der Bundeszentrale für Heimatsdienst"). We would appreciate any information which COS, Germany may have on this group or on the individual lecturers mentioned, specifically the group's sponsorship (AEGIDEON?) and/or reliability. (Germany: The Soviet Studies Group is a formerly reputable society of students of Soviet affairs which has recently fallen on bad days, apparently due to political pressures by one or more influential Swedes who allege that it is not "objective" (neutralist) enough. The former head of the group, Professor KALNINS, is the locally acknowledged dean of Sovietologists in Sweden, but was recently removed from the leading position because as a Balt he cannot be "objective." The group was banned from using Stockholm University facilities, but was reconstituted in recent months on an extracurricular basis by a group which was far more militantly anticommunist. This included MILITS, who as "International Secretary" is apparently in charge of obtaining outside funds for the group and may possibly end up holding the purse strings.)</p> <p>3. Regardless of the true sponsorship of the "Bundeszentrale für Heimatsdienst" its very name is enough to discredit the Soviet Studies Group in Sweden if copies of the attached memorandum were to become public. In short the fears expressed in Paragraph 4 of Reference seem to have been justified to some degree. We would appreciate a prompt response to our request for information on the organization.</p> <p>4. Headquarters: It was Peter IRDEN, to whom <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> gave a ride home after the meeting, who clarified somewhat the situation regarding the study group and its extracurricular reconstitution. He also stated flatly that MYRDAL was a Soviet sympathizer, and repeated the previously heard accusation that it was due to his pressure that the group had been bounced from Stockholm University premises. Further information on the group and its membership will be forwarded after the next meeting, which <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> intends to attend. At present we have collected some preliminary data which indicates that the <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> and possibly the TIEBARS or <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> had several representatives present at the last meeting (again from remarks made by IRDEN), but fuller identification of these individuals will have to wait for the time being.</p> <p>5. Meanwhile we would like Headquarters to consider the possibility of <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> going directly to KALNINS to discuss frankly with him the possible unfortunate consequences of have the group continue under its current leadership and policies. We feel that such a frank discussion would be fully in line with <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> diplomatic cover and his interest in Soviet affairs. By leaning away from the "hard line" anticommunist persuasion currently being pushed in the group it would probably even improve <i>MEMBER OF SWEDEN SOCIETY OF SOVIET STUDIES GROUP</i> cover as far as KALNINS is concerned. As previously indicated, our main worry is that the group will gain such notoriety as a blatant cold war tool (or even a "spy school") that reputable scholars of Soviet affairs will steer away from it. As things previously stood the group was a focal point for contacting such individuals, but if it got a bad name (by Swedish standards), people intending future travel to the USSR or frequent contact with Soviets</p>		
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would not attend and our access to them would be much more difficult. We anticipate that if such an approach were made to KALNINS he would probably agree in principle but would bring up the difficulty of financing any independent study group. Since he has already said that he was hoping to get money from the Beacon Fund, it would be our inclination to suggest that he write it to inquire about the possibility of getting more money on a continuing basis (it is unlikely that the expenses would in fact be very great), and also that he explore other possibilities for financing. Naturally, we would not offer any assistance beyond inquiring if there were any other foundations which might be of assistance, but even this token gesture would probably help solidify the relationship with KALNINS. A cabled response to this suggestion together with Headquarters views on the desirability of funding KALNINS on a continuing basis would be appreciated.

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Memorandum described in Para 1

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